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While examining licence applications, the German authorities have had occasion to notice the practice followed by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Stockholm of using a certification stamp, and have noted that they employ different wording for such endorsements. It seems that the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce use the terms "that the above declaration is absolutely reliable" only for requests from firms which they consider to be above all suspicion. In the case of requests from firms whose reputation is open to doubt, the Chamber of Commerce use much more cautious wording, such as "the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce certifies that according to the statements received the goods would be used outside the Soviet Bloc". In other instances, the Chamber of Commerce have employed even vaguer terms.

From the foregoing, the German authorities conclude that the wording chosen by the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce for their endorsements makes it possible to draw certain conclusions as to the reliability of the Swedish user and of his declarations.

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